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ATTEND WCIWY

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1. LIST OF NGOS THAT HAVE REQUESTED INVITATIONS TO ATTEND WCIWY (E/L.1636, AND ADDS. 1 AND 2) WAS AGAIN DISCUSSED IN PLENARY, MONDAY, 28 APRIL. SOVIET REP (SMIRNOV) RAISED GENERAL QUESTION OF ALL LISTED NGOS BEING ABLE TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO WORK OF WCIWY.

MARGARET BRUCE OF UN SECT STATED IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR SECT TO IDENTIFY CONTRIBUTION EACH NGO COULD MAKE BUT STRONGLY ENDORSED CONTRIBUTION NGOS HAVE MADE TO STATUS OF WOMEN IN PAST AND WAS CONFIDENT THEY WOULD MAKE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO CONFERENCE. SMIRNOV, THEN DIRECTED HIS ATTENTION TO 11 NGOS LISTED UNDER HEADING "OTHER NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS." THESE ARE:

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INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR COALITION

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE UNITED STATES

UNITED STATES COMMITTEE OF CO-OPERATION

CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.

UNION NACIONAL DE MUJERES DEL ECUADOR

CITING ECOSOC RES 1851(LVI), HE NOTED THAT IT REFERRED ONLY TO "INTERESTED NGOS IN CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL...." SIMILARLY, GA RES 3276(XXIX) REFERRED ONLY TO "...INTERESTED NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH THE COUNCIL...." HE STATED HIS DEL COULD NOT SUPPORT INVITATIONS TO ANY NGOS THAT DID NOT HAVE CONSULTATIVE STATUS. HE THEN FORMALLY PROPOSED THAT THE ECOSOC APPROVE THE LIST SUBMITTED BY THE SECT AS IT STOOD, BUT WITHOUT THOSE 11 NGOS THAT DID NOT HAVE CONSULTATIVE STATUS.

- 2. THERE WAS NO OPPOSITION TO SOVIET PROPOSAL, GIVEN THE FIRM LEGAL BASIS OF SOVIET POSITION. IMMEDIATELY AFTER PROPOSAL WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS, HOWEVER, ECUADORIAN REP ATTEMPTED TO SECURE INCLUSION OF UNION NACIONAL DE MUJERES DEL ECUADOR. HE WAS TOLD BY CHAIR THAT IT WAS TOO LATE TO REOPEN ISSUE.
- 3. US DEL MEMBER WAS ACCOSTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER PLENARY DECISION BY REP OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN WHO BITTERLY CRITICIZED DECISION AND WAS NOT SATISFIED BY EXPLANATION THAT THERE WAS NO LEGAL GROUND FOR OPPOSING SOVIET POSITION. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MARGARET BRUCE OF SECT

WHO WAS PRESENT ASSURED HER THAT HE ORGANIZATION COULD, OF COURSE, ATTEND TRIBUNE WITHOUT INVITATION AND THAT NGOS WERE NOT ENTITLED TO SPEAK AT CONFERENCE IN ANY CASE.

4. REPS OF NGOS HAVING CONSULTATIVE STATUS WERE PLEASED WITH OUTCOME OF MEETING, BECAUSE ALL OF THEM ON THE LIST HAD BEEN APPROVED AND BECAUSE CHINESE HAD NOT

AGAIN RAISED ISSUE OF NGOS HAVING AFFILIATES IN TAIWAN. ANOTHER
POLITICAL ATTACK WAS MOUNTED DURING MONDAY, APRIL 28, MEETING,
HOWEVER, WHICH PRESAGES FURTHER POLITICIZATION OF NGO ISSUE. REP
OF DEMOCRATIC YEMEN INTERVENED TO STATE THAT "WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ZIONIST ORGANIZATION," A CATEGORY II NGO INCLUDED IN
DOCUMENT E/L.1636, SHOULD NOT BE INVITED BECAUSE IT WAS AFFILIATED
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